

## Valeways Walk and Clear activities 2020

7 January 2020 – Peterston-Super-Ely

Whilst clearing we spotted a fox trapped in some wire. After contacting the RSPCA some volunteers helped to release it before it was taken to a rescue centre in Gloucester.



14 January 2020 – St Brides

Bramble clearance

21 January 2020 – Bonvilston

28 January 2020 – Colwinston



valeways Our intrepid Valeways walk and clear volunteers between stiles and hail showers near #Colwinston today

4 February 2020 – The Downs, St Nicholas

11 February 2020 - St Georges-super-Ely



**valeways** This week's walk and clear was eventful. An interruption by TfR, an overgrow, wobbly stile, almost closed paths, two broken bridges then a kiss from a local!

18 February 2020 – Cosmeston/Lavernock



**valeways** Today's walk and clear discovered a hidden stile and after 15 minutes had it reopened. To then find the field behind was completely flooded, a job for drier months.

25 February 2020 – Pentre Meyrick/Llysworney

Spotted some Scarlet Elf Cup fungi (*Sarcoscypha coccinea*)



3 March 2020 – Cancelled due to weather

10 March 2020 – Pentre Meyrick



Walk & Clear gang clearing a stile on  
Festival walk 21 "Around Penllyn". 🍌  
the weather will be better in May.

17 March 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> cancelled activity due to the Lockdown measures

28 July 2020 – Gileston



Valeways' [#walkandclear](#) met for the first time since March. A band of 15 volunteers including 5 new recruits: Brian, Chris, Julian, Paul and Paula. All enjoyed today's job of clearing paths around Aberthaw power station and a stroll to the limestone kilns. Good to meet with the group again, more cutting next week.

4 August 2020 – Peterston-Super-Ely

11 August 2020 – Fonmon

18 August 2020 – Llansannor/Windmill Farm area



25 August 2020 – The Downs, St Nicholas – Clearing the path around the Wenvoe Mast. A very windy day – the second photo showing a tree being blown out of the ground.



valeways Comment from Penarth Ramblers Group – “we are indebted to Valeways for clearing the path behind the St Lythans TV mast.”

1 September 2020 – Llancafarn



**valeways** Yesterday's #valeways #walkandclear heading north from #llancafarn. Proudly wearing their new branded Hi-Viz vests. Then tackling some very dense over growth.



8 September 2020 – Porthkerry Country Park

15 September 2020 – Ystradowen



**valeways** Three #walkandclear volunteers clearing the third obstacles before reaching the path we intended to clear. The result was several cleared paths in the #trerhyngyll / #llansannor / #ystradowen area. Well done guys!

22 September 2020 – Llandough, Cowbridge

Various footpaths and stiles cleared after problems highlighted by as local resident.



A 5-inch diameter fallen tree is no match for [#walkandclear](#) volunteers Huw and Terry, well-done guys!

29 September 2020 – Coed Mynydd Coch Woodland and also Gileston

A large fallen tree was removed after much sawing and huffing and puffing!



6 October 2020 – St Nicholas and also Sigingstone





Today's [#walkandclear](#) expeditions. We had two groups one working around the St Nicholas area preparing Sunday's walk. The other meeting in Sigingstone to prepare Thursday 15th walk. For this, there were enough volunteers to split in two groups and tackle the circular route in opposite directions. The pictures show Phil being escorted by two minders before he slipped their view and got lost, the second the anti-clockwise team not thinking much of the others clearance and finishing the job

13 October 2020 – Wick Clearing a long path leading to the stile



**valeways** This morning the Valeways Walk and Clear group worked in the Wick area. They split into 2 teams to cover a 4 mile circular route. Some temporary stile repairs were needed before reaching the main challenge. A stone stile hidden by a 12 foot long narrow path of brambles, nettles and ferns. Very satisfying to see it clear. Well done to all involved. [#valeways](#)

Gwenda Fitzpatrick  
Excellent work thank you.

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Julie Morgan  
Thanks for clearing

Like · Reply · Message · 8 w

Marianne Karen  
Thank you all soooo much xxx

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Sherida Dixson  
Well done



20 October 2020 – Llancarfan. Revealing 2 hidden kissing gates and partial clearance of a section of footpath





10 November 2020 – Leckwith – General stile clearance at request of Dinas Powys Community Council



**Greg Clark**  
Great job, thanks to all who were out doing such great work

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**Jane Fenton-May**  
Thank you for all the hard work

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**Kimberley Branch**  
I have a personal love of Stiles..and of course the countryside.. particularly around the vale..and you've done a great job guys!!

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**Stephanie Murray**  
Thank you

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**Gwenda Fitzpatrick**  
Well done



17 November 2020 – Llancarfan – to complete the long footpath clearance-revealing steps



**Kimberley Branch**

HI GUYS CAN I ASK WHERE ABOUTS IN LLANCARFAN IS THE PATH THAT YOU CLEARED..MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A JOY TO REVEAL THOSE HIDDEN STEPS..ONCE AGAIN GREAT JOB GUYS!!

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↳ 4 replies

**Greg Clark**

Another excellent job, well done to all who were out clearing

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**Jean Bispham**

Well done.

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**May Colin Wilsher**

Impressive. Well done.

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**Gwenda Fitzpatrick**

Well done. You do such fab work.

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**Sherida Dixon**

Well done



24 November 2020 – Hensol Forest – clearing branches and dangerous wires



1 December 2020 – Llancarfan – Clearing stiles and repairing dangerous bridge

**valeways** This morning the Valeways walk and clear team were in Llancarfan. One group were assigned bridge repair duties. This bridge had become increasingly dangerous in recent years claiming a number casualties. After a lot of squelching in the deep mud we managed to re-align and secure the bridge and fit a new bottom step to the stile. Well done to the muddy gang.



**Sophie Hayward**

Oh well done everyone, that's very muddy!

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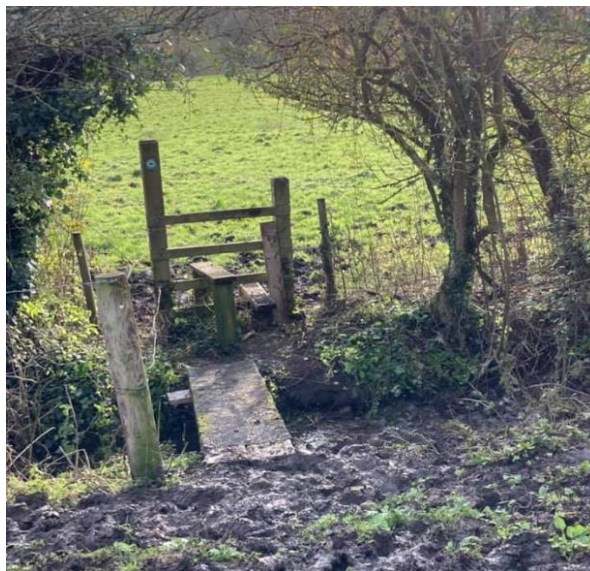
**Maria Jones**

You people are wonderful,

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**Cilla Parsons**

Well done you do a fantastic job



8 and 15 December 2020 – Cadoxton, Barry Clearing historic Parish footpath and steps as part of the heritage project detailed below.

Valeways are very pleased to have received confirmation of a successful application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This will fund a heritage project in Cadoxton that provides the residents with a historical walk in their area supported by numerous resources including a bilingual video, a historical sources folder and resources for school children including a treasure hunt activity. [#NationalLottery](#) [#Valeways](#)



**Sally Tarlton**  
I so enjoyed my first session with the group. It was amazing to see these wonderful old steps uncovered.

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**Nicola Thompson**  
Great job, I used the steps as a child but can't remember the last time I saw them cleared of weeds.

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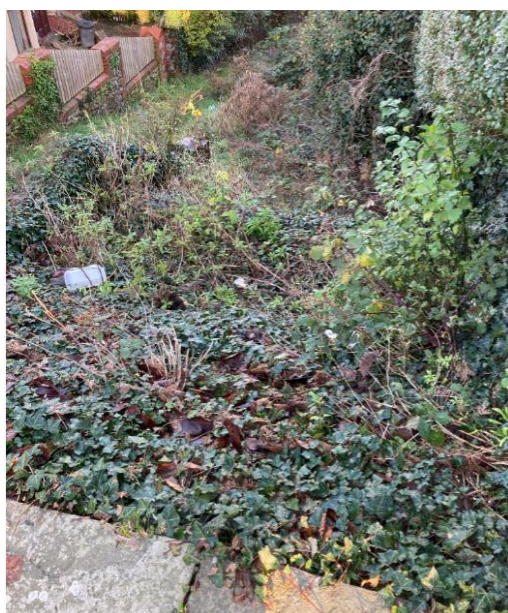
**Mair Bater**  
Great job! Well done 🙌🙌

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**Max Wordsmith**  
Lovely restoration job there! Where exactly is this? Anyone got a grid reference? I'd like to walk that. Edit...found it. N51 24.872 W03 15.090 if anyone else is wondering.

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**Julie Morgan**  
Well done Valeways 🙌



**barryvaleofglam** Amazing job, well done everyone!!!

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**valeramblers** Great work, thank you for making walking easier in the Vale.

Throughout the year we also conducted litter picking during our clearing sessions.



And finally, because we could not have a Christmas celebration event here is a reminder from 2019 at the Red Fox at Penllyn



Well done to everyone involved throughout 2020. The Walk and Clear sessions are very enjoyable, with lots of humour and sharing of local knowledge and history.

